GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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OUTDATED GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PRESSES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether most of the Government of India presses have obsolete technology

(b) If so, the average capacity utilization thereof during the last three years. (

(c) whether the Government propose to modenise them with changing technology

(d) If so, the details thereof and

(e) the time by which it is likely to be done?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri Balasaheb Vikhe Patil)

(a) & (b): No Sir. The Government of India Presses have amix of the modern and older technology. The Currency Note Press (CNP), Nashik has been recently modernised. The India Security Press (ISP), Nashik has been modernised to a large extent and the process continues. The Security Printing Press (SPP), Hyderabadalso does not have obsolete technology. However, the Bank Note Press (BNP), Dewas has only two modern lines of production, replaced during1997-98, out of five lines in use. The average capacity utilisation of the three obsolete lines at BNP during last three years has been about 50%.

(c), (d), & (e): The modernisation of Government Presses is an ongoing and a continuous process. The Government has already approved replacement of one old line of production at BNP, Dewas with hi-tech modern machines. In addition, further modernisation of the three other Presses is also continuing and the old machines are being replaced by the latest modern machines, in a phased manner, depending upon the demand for security items/bank notes in the country.